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**STOCKTON MAN ARRESTED IN LARGE DRUG BUST**

SACRAMENTO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today the arrest last night of ANTONIO BARRAZA BAZUA, 29, of Stockton, on federal drug trafficking charges stemming from a United States Drug Enforcement Administration and Stockton Police Department operation. According to the affidavit filed supporting the federal complaint, BARRAZA left a residence at 2126 Stormy Creek Court in Stockton and delivered five kilograms of cocaine early last evening to an cooperating informant (CI) working under the supervision of the agents. BARRAZA was arrested two hours later and found to have an additional three kilograms of cocaine in the vehicle he was driving.

The investigation was a spin-off from a joint Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration investigation from 2005-2006. The Drug Enforcement Administration was the primary agency responsible in this latest phase of the investigation. Yesterday's arrests and searches were conducted with the assistance of the Stockton Police Narcotics Unit, the California Highway Patrol, the Western El Dorado County Narcotics Enforcement Team (WENET) and the United States Immigration and Custom Enforcement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Richard Bender, who is prosecuting the case, shortly after midnight last night, a federal search warrant was served at the Stormy Creek

Court residence. DEA Agents and Stockton Police Narcotics Detectives found approximately 13 pounds of crystal methamphetamine (currently worth an estimated \$18,000 a pound at the wholesale level) and an additional five kilograms of cocaine (currently worth an estimated \$16,000 to \$17,000 a kilogram at the wholesale level), as well as approximately \$139,000 in U.S. currency, at several locations throughout the house and in a vehicle in the garage.

According to United States Attorney Scott, “The case was a product of good police work and making the best of opportunities as they arise. The persistence of the investigators was impressive and resulted in keeping a large amount of narcotics off the streets of Stockton. In addition, the seizure of the \$139,000 in currency, undoubtedly drug proceeds destined to pay suppliers in Southern California or Mexico, hits the drug traffickers where it really hurts.”

BARRAZA made his initial appearance before United States Magistrate Judge Gregory G. Hollows in federal court in Sacramento today and was detained without bail pending further proceedings.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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